

Ministry of Glory

Christ's Resurrection was Proof of all His claims

(Mt 12:38-40) ³⁸Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." ³⁹But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

(Jn 2:18-19) ¹⁸So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

(Jn 10:17-18) ¹⁷"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸"No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Consider Resurrection Life Power

(1Co 3:16) ¹⁶Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

(Ro 8:11) ¹¹But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

We are part of the "raised up temple" (Jn 2:19)

We carry Resurrection Life! (consider implications)

(Ro 12:1-2) ¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Resurrection Life in us is Proof of all His claims

1. Present ourselves as Holy Spirit vessels (recognize what we have/are)

(Ro 9:23) ²³and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory

we are made to Display His Glory

2. raise our Expectations (think differently, don't settle)

(Col 1:26-27) ²⁶the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Do you Hope for Glory (Expectation)

Just want to glorify God? This is how you do it. (false humility)

(Jn 17:22-23) ²²"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

His Glory in us is Proof

What does Resurrection Life Power and Glory look like?

Different for each of us, but it *can be seen!* (draws)

(Isa 60:1-3) ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. ²For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be *seen* upon you. ³The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

(Israel, us now – Rom 11:11-14 provoking into Rom 12:1-2)

(2Th 2:14) ¹⁴to which He called you by our gospel, for the *obtaining* of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

His Glory must be Obtained (how?)

We have been given the Ministry of Glory ~ 2 Cor 3 (accept/believe this)

(2Co 3:2-3) ²You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; ³clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

we are an open display of Christ by the Spirit

(2Co 3:6-9) ⁶who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ⁷But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, ⁸how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? ⁹For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

Ministry of the Spirit carries Glory, more than ministry of the Law

(consider what we emphasize)

(2Co 3:17-18) ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Glory is Obtained incrementally as we Behold Him

principle: we become what we behold

1. Believe you have the Ministry of Glory (pray Jn 17:1)

(Jn 17:1) ¹Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

2. Get into the place of Beholding His Glory as often as you can.